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Today's Topics:

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Send subscription requests to: <Info-Hams-REQUEST@UCSD.Edu>
Problems you can't solve otherwise to brian@ucsd.edu.

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We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 9 Oct 93 23:11:00 GMT
From: swrinde!menudo.uh.edu!nuchat!onestop!thom.spencer@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Alinco DJ-580T
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

NA>@SUBJECT:Alinco DJ-580T N
NA>To modify, just snip the red wire (looped) and reset the radio to enjoy an
NA>extended receive. Then snip the blue wire and reset the radio to enjoy an
NA>EXTENDED receive (you will get 810-998.99) plus transmit from 130-174, 430-4
NA>(you can transmit above 480, but it does not work too well).

Very interesting! Are you aware of any possible mods to the DJ-F1T?
Thanks in advance...

Thom Spencer

N7ZFF

~ SLMR 2.1a ~ thom.spencer@onestop.sccsi.com

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Date: 9 Oct 93 23:11:00 GMT

From: swrinde!menudo.uh.edu!nuchat!onestop!thom.spencer@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: Alinco DJ-580T

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

TB>I have a suggestion for those who have opened up transmit on the DJ-580
TB>and other radios. Rather than risking accidental xmit on the public service
TB>frequencies that you may have programmed, set a non-standard offset that
TB>falls either in the amateur bands or in relatively unused bands. The 580
TB>allows up to a 15 Mhz offset - so this is quite easy. If I accidentally
TB>xmit, I'd rather radiate on an amateur band than on the local sherriif
TB>or rescue frequency. Just a thought...

TB>BTW - Don't bother flaming me for opening up my xmit. The amateur SERVICE
TB>is expected to be prepared for emergencies...

Tom, are you aware of any mods that can be made to the DJ-F1T?

Thanks in advance...

Thom Spencer N7ZFF

~ SLMR 2.1a ~ thom.spencer@onestop.sccsi.com

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Date: Mon, 11 Oct 1993 02:12:00 GMT

From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!paladin.american.edu!darwin.sura.net!

martha.utcc.utk.edu!utkvx.utk.edu!pratt@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: Alinco DJ-580T

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <19930ct8.124834.14642@rsg1.er.usgs.gov>, bodoh@dgg.cr.usgs.gov (Tom Bodoh) writes...

>In article <nick.24dt@hotmail.COM>, nick@hotmail.COM (Nick Assar) writes:

>|> I recently purchased this unit, and it is great.
>|>
>|> To modify, just snip the red wire (looped) and reset the radio to enjoy an
>|> extended receive. Then snip the blue wire and reset the radio to enjoy an
>|> EXTENDED receive (you will get 810-998.99) plus transmit from 130-174, 430-480
>|> (you can transmit above 480, but it does not work too well).
>|>
>|> Nick
>|> nick@hotmail.com
>|> CHASE, M.H. Division

The red wire gives the 800-900 receive

Mark
KE4AXW

Date: 9 Oct 93 02:10:00 GMT
From: swrinde!menudo.uh.edu!nuchat!onestop!thom.spencer@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: A little help?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

At a recent garage sale, I picked up a Harris (Business or Police)
Hand-held radio. It works - On 151.625.
It's a well built thing, so I'd like to put it into use. Any
suggestions where I start for plans to convert it to 2 meter? Can it be
converted? (For those really in the know, the catalog number on it is
RF-7840 and FCC DATA is RF-2821A.)
Thanks in advance for any advice!
Cheers and 73's de
N7ZFF Thom Spencer

~ SLMR 2.1a ~ thom.spencer@onestop.sccsi.com

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Date: Mon, 11 Oct 1993 01:58:55 GMT
From: usc!math.ohio-state.edu!wupost!csus.edu!netcom.com!pineapp@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: AM on HF Bands
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I would like to know what is the interest of AM on HF bands? I have
nothing against it, but there seems to be more and more AM operation

lately. I do have a rig that transmits AM (FT-102) and have tried it.

Are there nets that uses AM modes, when and where are they?
I have found only one net on 3.870 so far, but had found some
activities on 7.160 and 1.850.

Just thought I get a feeling of the foundness of AM mode of operation.

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| INTERNET: pineapp@netcom.com           | Daniel Curry  WB6STW/AA |
| AMPRNET : dan@wb6stw.ampr.org [44.4.20.144] | E-:-) Ham Radio Operator |
| AX.25   : wb6stw@n0ary.#NOCAL.CA.USA.NA   | Redwood City, CA USA   |
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Date: Sun, 10 Oct 1993 11:32:30 GMT
From: gumby!destroyer!nntp.cs.ubc.ca!alberta!nebulus!ve6mgs!usenet@yale.arpa
Subject: BDXC bulletin 05-Oct-1993
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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| This info for Radio-LISTENING amateurs is presented to you by the: |
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| BENELUX DX-CLUB              |
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| P.O.Box 150, NL-5270 AD St.Michielsgestel, The Netherlands.      |
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| SHORTWAVE BROADCASTING NEWS ('DX-Hotline') - compiled by:         |
| Jan Nieuwenhuis, Vloedlyn 12, NL-1791 HH Den Burg (Texel), Holland |
| Echomail                   : FIDO-net 'Shortwave Listeners'        |
| E-mail (FIDO-net) : Jan.Nieuwenhuis@f202.n500.z2.fidonet.org       |
| E-mail (Internet) : nieuw@niox.nl                                   |
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PART 1 of 1

Date: 05 October 1993

AFGHANISTAN

* RADIO AFGHANISTAN, Kabul; was observed broadcasting in English on
4775 kHz at 1430-1500. (BBCM, 1/10/93)

ARMENIA

* RADIO YEREVAN, Yerevan; transmissions in English at 0945-1000 (Sun)
on 15510, 15455 and 15485 kHz and at 2245-2300 on 7400, 9705 and
11920 kHz. (CJO, 2/10/93)

BULGARIA

- * RADIO SOFIA, Sofia; transmissions in English:
 - 0500-0630 on 9700 and 11720 kHz,
 - 1130-1300 on 11645 and 13645 kHz,
 - 1515-1645 on 12085 kHz,
 - 2100-2200 on 6085 and 9700 kHz. (CJO, 2/10/93)

CUBA

- * RADIO HAVANA, Havana; winter transmission schedule:
 - In English:
 - 0000-0200 to America on 6010 and 9815 (USB) kHz,
 - 0200-0500 to America on 6010, 6180 (0400-0500) and 13660 kHz,
 - 0500-0700 to America on 9510 kHz,
 - 2100-2200 to EUROPE & M.East on 17760 kHz,
 - 2200-2300 to EUROPE & America on 6180 kHz.
 - In French:
 - 0230-0330 to America on 6180 kHz,
 - 2000-2100 to EUROPE & M.East on 17760 kHz,
 - 2300-2400 to America on 6180 kHz.
 - In Portuguese:
 - 1000-1100 to America on 9550 kHz,
 - 2100-2200 to EUROPE & M.East 17705 kHz,
 - 2200-2300 to America on 15340 kHz,
 - 2300-2400 to America on 15230 kHz.
 - In Spanish:
 - 0000-0200 to America on 6180, 9550, 9655, 11760, 11875, 11970, 13660 and 15230 kHz,
 - 0200-0400 to America on 5965, 9550, 11760, 11875, 11970 and 15230 kHz,
 - 0400-0500 to America on 5965, 11760 and 11970 kHz,
 - 1100-1300 to America on 6060, 9550 (1100-1400), 11760 (1100-1500) and 15230 kHz,
 - 2000-2200 to EUROPE, M.East and Africa on 13715 (USB), 17705 (2000-2100) and 17835 kHz.
- () All frequencies and transmission times are subject to variation.
Address: Apartado 6240, Havana, Cuba. (BBCM, 1/10/93)

MONACO

- * T(rans) W(orld) R(adio), Monte Carlo; some transmissions to EUROPE:
 - 0740-0920 (Sun, 0740-0945) in English on 7385 kHz,
 - 0830-0845 (Sun, 0830-0915), 1105-1120 (Mon-Sat) and 1430-1500 in German on 6230 and 7160 kHz. (CJO, 2/10/93)

SOMALIA

- * RADIO AWDAL, Boorama; this station, controlled by the Gadabursi clan, reportedly broadcasts at 1630-1700 on 6500 kHz. (BBCM, 1/10/93)
- * RADIO MOGADISHU, The voice of the Great Somali People [Somali: Radio Mogadishu, Codka ummad weeynta Soomaaliyeed], -; this pro- Muhammad Farah Aydid station is transmitting on a variable frequency of 6870 kHz at 1500-1800. (BBCM, 1/10/93)

WITH THANKS TO (in alphabetic order):

(BBCM) = BBC Monitoring (c) - United Kingdom.

(CJO) = Cees van Oudheusden, Roosendaal - Holland.

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| is given to: (Source) and Jan Nieuwenhuis (editor BDXC-bulletin).      |
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* 73's from TEXEL Island - [53.034 N, 04.478 E], The Netherlands *

* Origin: Scoop BBS Hilversum * +31-35-245395 * (2:500/202)

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| "I-Man satta on the mountain top. | Name      : Martin Heffels      |
| Watching Babylon burning red hot" | e-mail   : zap@hacktic.nl      |
| - War inna Babylon, Max Romeo -   | air-mail: pe1eec@pi8jop.nld.eu |
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Date: 11 Oct 1993 01:41:01 GMT

From: library.ucla.edu!nntp.ucsb.edu!mcl!uznerk@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: Decisions, decisions.. HELP!

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Well, I've had my new Tech license for a couple weeks now, but I haven't had much of an opportunity to use it seeing how I'm a starving college student with no money to buy a rig right now. However, I'm saving up but I want to make sure I make the right choice...

I go to school in Santa Barbara, CA, and I have a lot of friends (hams) who live in Orange County, CA, about 150 miles south of here. They've all established themselves with 2 meter and 440 band radios. One of them just bought a 220 mhz rig, and is trying to persuade me to buy one also because all of Calif. is covered by the Condor linked repeater system, which lies on the 220 band. Sounds like a cool idea to me (saving up for a 220 rig) but the problem is, they're real expensive.

I was initially thinking of starting with a dual band HT (like the Alinco DJ580), but now my friends are saying that the 440 band sucks unless you join a private repeater club or just want to use it for a scanner. They say that 220 is a lot better (but unfortunately there is no such thing as a cheap 144/220 HT). I'd love to put 220mhz in my car so I can talk to my friends back home on Condor, but I think it's more necessary to get a 2m rig before anything, just because of it's popularity. I want to be able to meet people. This presents a new problem because there are very few dual bander mobile units with 144/220 bands. There's the discontinued Kenwood 631, and also I know there's an ICOM, but ICOM is too expensive. Should I start out with a single band 2m and then just buy a single band 220 later and have 2 radios in the car? Or do you think just starting out with a single band 220 in the car is just as good?

Why does this ham stuff have to be so damn expensive? :) CB radios were so cheap by comparison (yeah yeah I know, CB sucks to all hell.. :)

Thanks in advance...

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Andrew Krenz KE6BIP	"Better not take a dog on the Space Shuttle,
UC Santa Barbara	because if he sticks his head out when
uznerk@mcl.ucsb.edu	you're coming home, his face might burn up.
krenz@engrhub.ucsb.edu	- Deep Thoughts, Jack Handy

Date: Sun, 10 Oct 1993 21:40:21 GMT
From: library.ucla.edu!csulb.edu!nic.csu.net!eis.CalState.EDU!
sadams@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: FT-530 Mod
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

My apologies for having to post this but...

Someone just recently posted a nice diagram and instructions for performing the jumper MOD on the FT-530. At that time I thought I would never have any use for it, but within three or four days I will be the proud owner of a FT-530. So... Could someone please help out and either re-post it or e-mail it to me. Thanks in advance

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Steve Adams
internet - sadams@eis.calstate.edu

HAM - KD6KGJ
Packet - KD6KGJ@n6qmy.#nocal.ca.usa.na

Date: Sun, 10 Oct 1993 16:50:07
From: swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!lgc.com!news.oc.com!utacfd.uta.edu!rwsys!ocitor!
FredGate@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: HDN Releases
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

The following files were processed Sunday 10-10-93 at 1:124/7009:

HAMNEWS [HAM: Bulletins and Newsletters]

ANART778.LZH (5836 bytes) ANART Bulletin 778 09/26/93
ARLB101.LZH (541 bytes) ARRL Bulletin 10/06/93
ARLB102.LZH (478 bytes) ARRL Bulletin 10/06/93

6855 bytes in 3 file(s)

HAMNOS [HDN: TCP/IP and NOS related software]

HAMNOS4.TXT (1 bytes) Daily Hatching until file area is
created

1 bytes in 1 file(s)

HAMSAT [HAM: Satellite tracking and finding programs]

AMSAT275.LZH (4540 bytes) AMSAT Bulletin # 275 10/01/93
OBS275.LZH (5130 bytes) Amsat Orbital Elements # 275
10/02/93
SPC1011.LZH (4052 bytes) SPACE Bulletin 10/11/93

13722 bytes in 3 file(s)

HAMSWL [HAM: Shortwave broadcast schedule distribution]

INRS.LZH (382 bytes) Icelandic National Broadcasting
Service

R_ESPANA.LZH (1039 bytes) Radio Exteria de Espana Aug to Nov
'93
R_VLAAND.LZH (772 bytes) Radio Vlaanderen Int'l 09-26-93 to
03-26-93
SCDX2188.LZH (12274 bytes) Sweden Calling DX #2188 10/05/93
UAE.LZH (459 bytes) UAE Eff. 09/05/93 to 11-06-93
VOFC.LZH (338 bytes) Voice of Free China 09-26-93 to
03-27-94

15264 bytes in 6 file(s)

Total of 35842 bytes in 13 file(s)

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Directories are:

pub/fidonet/ham/hamnews (Bulletins)
/hamant (Antennas)
/hamsat (Sat. prg/Amsat Bulletins)
/hampack (Packet)
/hamelec (Formulas)
/hamtrain (Training Material)
/hamlog (Logging Programs)
/hamcomm (APLink/JvFax/Rtty/etc)
/hammods (Equip modification)
/hamswl (SWBC Skeds/Frequencies)
/hamscan (Scanner Frequencies)
/hamutil (Operating aids/utils)
/hamsrc (Source code to programs)
/hamdemo (Demos of new ham software)
/hamnos (TCP/IP and NOS related software)

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Ham Distribution Net

* Origin: Ham Distribution Net Coordinator / Node 1 (1:124/7009)

Date: Sun, 10 Oct 93 23:38:06 GMT

From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!wupost!csus.edu!netcom.com!netcomsv!bongo!skyld!
jangus@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: I LOVE CW!!!!

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <CELCA1.FMK@cbnewsm.cb.att.com> jeffj@cbnewsm.cb.att.com writes:

> I LOVE CW!!!! HAHAAHAHAHA THEY WILL HAVE TO PRY THE KEY FROM
> MY COLD DEAD FINGERS BEFORE I'LL EVER STOP DOING CW. HAHAAHAHAHA

1. If they outlaw code, only outlaws will have code.
2. Keys don't cause QRM, people cause QRM.

Amateur: WA6FWI@WA6FWI.#SOCA.CA.USA.NA		"It is difficult to imagine our
Internet: jangus@skyld.tele.com		universe run by a single omni-
US Mail: PO Box 4425 Carson, CA 90749		potent god. I see it more as a
Phone: 1 (310) 324-6080		badly run corporation."

Date: Sun, 10 Oct 1993 14:40:26 GMT
From: mulvey!rich@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Imminent Death of Ham Radio: 2m HT in Penney's Christmas Catalog
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Cliff Sharp (clifto@indep1.UUCP) wrote:
: In article <294fro\$k0a@funhouse.solbourne.com> kucharsk@solbourne.com (William
Kucharski) writes:
: >For those who felt that Radio Shack's introduction of a 2m HT two years ago
: >meant the "imminent death of Ham Radio," those people should stay away from
: >the 1993 JC Penney Christmas Catalog.
: >
: >There, on the bottom right hand corner of page 585 is a Midland 73-005 2m HT
: >(\$299). Yes, it mentions you need a license. No, I doubt they'll ask if you
: >have a ticket if you order one.

: Years and years ago, Sears carried both a synthesized and a crystal-
: controlled 2M mobile radio. Looked JUST like a CB, down to having 23
: "channels" on the frequency switch (the xtal-bound unit, that is). SO
: many CBers bought them that two meters here became a wreck. In fact,
: it appears to be the cause of a "nonstandard" operating mode in the
: Chicago area; if one wants to break into a conversation, the convention
: is not to say "break", it's to sign with your call. This was to make
: sure the breaker HAD a call.
: Expect much more of the same, and much worse, as these units hit the
: market.

Nonstandard operating mode? I wouldn't say that - I've encountered
quite a few areas around the country (including my home, Rochester, NY)

where this is a conventional way of getting into a conversation.

- Rich

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Rich Mulvey Amateur Radio: N2VDS Rochester, NY
rich@mulvey.com "Ignorance should be painful."

Date: 11 Oct 93 02:58:27 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Multi-Band Antennas cont'd
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

>Your friends the Smith Chart and the coax loss tables can give you
>accurate results with any random length of feedline.
>Gary Coffman KE4ZV

Gary, assume 100 ft of RG-58 transmission line with a measured SWR of 1.6 at the 100 watt transmitter end on 17 meters. I suggest that the SWR at the antenna feed-point could be anywhere between 2/1 and 100/1 with transmission line LOSSES anywhere between 37 watts (2db) and 75 watts (6db) and no one can tell the difference at the transmitter end. I don't know any way to tell the difference without measuring the SWR at the antenna feed-point, measuring the amount of radiated RF power, or calculating the feed-point SWR based on a program like ELNEC. I think 99% of hams would be surprised at the results. Simply changing from coax to ladder-line on my G5RV doubled my radiated power while making my transmitter-end SWR a lot higher.

73, Cecil, kg7bk@indirect.com

Date: 10 Oct 93 15:21:16 GMT
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!spool.mu.edu!nigel.msen.com!heifetz!
mbsun.mlb.org!yyz!Gigo@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Newsline #842
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

> The Amateur Radio Newsline reported thusly:

b> W2NSD is demanding that Lambda drop its legal action against
b> the American Radio Relay League. He also says that the group must
b> repay the ARRL all of the legal costs it has incurred before he
b> will ever again permit a Lambda ad to run in 73.

I read Wayne's editorials, and I was surprised to see him come to the defense of

the ARRL on this issue. Just goes to prove that gays make strange bed fellows ;-)
Wayne would rather get in bed with the ARRL! You won't see this happen very often.

I think that lawyers only belong in ham radio to safeguard our frequencies. Lambda's political agenda is tiring and too boring, even for ham radio. Gay rights are important, but give us break. It's only a hobby!! Use it to bring people together, not pull them apart. Lighten up!

On the other hand...

QST has a responsibility to all amateurs, gay and straight alike. Unless the ad Lambda wanted to run was somehow legally obscene, they should have the right to make themselves known if they're willing to pay for the privilege. Being a tax exempt organization, ARRL has even more of a responsibility to be open to all hams than a profit-making magazine.

I hope ARRL & Lambda can reach a resolution before the reputation of hams as being a group of "rich old-cw pounding-weather discussers" is expanded to include "bigots."

Look how much publicity Lambda has generated just by filing a lawsuit. They would have garnered considerably less if QST had just run their stupid ad.

My sad conclusion is that none of these groups have the best interests of ham radio in their hearts on this issue.

(there, that ought to offend just about everyone... the right wing, Lambda, ARRL, lawyers and Wayne Green)

Date: 10 Oct 1993 22:47:27 GMT
From: swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!math.ohio-state.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!
darwin.sura.net!udel!newsserv.cs.sunysb.edu!rick@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Turning in RFI generating PC's to FCC
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Bob Keller (rjkeller@sytex.com) wrote:

: You are correct that the problem can't get any better if you
: don't do something, and thus, you can certainly not make matters
: any worse by following up as you have. Moreover, FWIW, the FCC
: has in recent years gotten quite aggressive about issuing fines
: (or what they call "monetary forfeitures") for fall sorts of
: violations, including failure to observe Part 15 requirements in
: the marketing of electronic equipment. If it turns out that the
: model you have is in fact noncompliant, then I would not be

: surprised to see the information you provided to the FCC result in
: a forfeiture of at least \$6,000 to the vendor. Theoretically it

I am uneasy at the suggestion that people start calling the FCC enmasse with allegations about part 15 violations. People need to understand that individual subsystems (video cards, network boards, etc) are FCC certified separately from the system they ultimately are used in and often the test machine is a somewhat quieter than average system. The individual can do things to the system, too, that would cause it to flunk an emissions test, ie using unshielded serial cables, performing field CPU upgrades, running with the cabinet off, installing motherboard upgrades, etc. It is not unconceivable that one could put together a system whose individual pieces were all properly certified, but the resulting assembly, if tested, would not pass.

Note that I am not quite enough a Libertarian to say we should not have regulations at all, but the current system is burdensome enough that IMO we need not cajole the FCC into taking even more action than it has. I rather like the idea of being able to buy low cost iron (PC + peripherals) - if the Feds get into the act, we usually all end up paying a lot more for epsilon better services/merchandise.

Advice to the original poster (N2VNO): Jim, my gateway DX/66 does get into some of the receivers in the shack here. Gateway does a reasonable job of shielding. My advice is to do what the rest of us do, ie go the Radio Shack and buy/install some ferrite chokes on your serial/power/monitor cables, clean paint off the metal surfaces of the case to ensure good ground, etc. IMO, you've gone about this in the wrong way in calling the FCC.

: Robert J. Keller (KY3R) | rjkeller@sytex.com

Rick Spanbauer (WB2CFV)
State University of New York

Date: Sun, 10 Oct 1993 22:19:13 GMT
From: news.Hawaii.Edu!uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu!jherman@ames.arpa
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <746264638snx@skyld.tele.com>, <CCBzLn.Myp@news.Hawaii.Edu>,
<wa2iseCEo694.FpF@netcom.com>rman
Subject : Re: How does your key feel?

In article <wa2iseCEo694.FpF@netcom.com> wa2ise@netcom.com (Robert Casey) writes:
>In article <CCBzLn.Myp@news.Hawaii.Edu> jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu (Jeff
Herman) writes:

>> Gee, does the type of key really matter? I could send code with just two
>>pieces of crossed wire - just switch hands periodically when one gets tired.
>
>I suppose you could use an old computer mouse and press on one of the buttons
>to tap out code. You might have to remove any mouse electronics and wire
>directly to the button switch contacts to get it to work. Might be easier
>on your hand and fingers.

I am currently using a paper clip and two thumbtacks on a block of wood...
(I'm the epitome of the antonym of 'high tech'. QRP'ers are VERY thrifty
folks!)

Jeff NH6IL

(back in the days when we had to make all our own components: WA6QIJ)

Date: 10 Oct 93 13:42:21 GMT
From: ddsww1!indep1!clifto@uunet.uu.net
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <28uiq3\$dou@cville-srv.wam.umd.edu>, <CEI8n5.JFy@feenix.metronet.com>,
<JMILLER.930ct9150624@lacertae.afit.af.mil>
Subject : Re: Stupid Field Day tricks (was: Re: AAUUUUUGGGHHHH!!!)

In article <JMILLER.930ct9150624@lacertae.afit.af.mil>
jmiller@lacertae.afit.af.mil (Jeff Miller, Homer Simpson's alter ego) writes:
>OK, folks, let's let it all hang out. What's the biggest doofer you've pulled on
>a Field Day? I'll throw a small one out...

I went to one years ago with a friend. The friend borrowed a "cherry-picker"
from the sign company he worked for part-time, to help get antennas erected.
Somewhere around 10 or 11 PM, one of the HF beams needed adjustment, and he
started raising the cage... and hydraulic fluid started spewing out of a
newly-ruptured hose.

The only place we could find any was about 10-15 miles away at O'Hare
Airport. He and I drove down there with every container we could muster,
and the guys there set us up with more than enough. We somehow repaired
or replaced the hose and refilled the machine by 1 AM, fixed the antenna
and spent the rest of Field Day stinking of hydraulic fluid.

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